

Amendment No. 1 to HJR0816

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AMEND House Joint Resolution No. 816*

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by deleting all language after the caption and by substituting instead the following:

WHEREAS, the Tennessee department of correction is responsible for insuring public safety through the incarceration and rehabilitation of convicted felons; and

WHEREAS, approximately 26,000 felons are typically assigned to the department of correction in prisons, county jails and community corrections programs at an average daily cost of \$47.63 per inmate; an average daily cost of \$1,238,380 per total inmate population; and an average annual cost of \$452 million per total inmate population; and

WHEREAS, approximately 36,000 offenders are typically placed on regular or intensive probation; and

WHEREAS, experts predict that the state of Tennessee will require an estimated 7,097 additional beds by the end of 2011, in order to accommodate an expanding inmate population; and

WHEREAS, experts also predict that the cost of incarcerating inmates will significantly rise in the coming years: diverting limited state resources that could be otherwise allocated for health care, education or other needs; and

WHEREAS, it is estimated that up to 20% of the Tennessee's prison population consists of non-violent offenders who would greatly benefit from a reduced level of interaction with chronic habitual offenders and who would, thereby, possibly be deterred from engaging in further criminal activities: significantly impacting the department's recidivism problem; and

WHEREAS, financial resources for incarcerating convicted felons and supervising parolees and probationers are finite; and usage of smart technology, such as GPS and other tracking and monitoring equipment, could potentially reduce the

number of individuals requiring incarceration and could potentially increase the number of persons who could safely be placed on parole or probation; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that this body encourages the governor, the department of correction, and the board of pardons and parole to conduct an investigation of the feasibility and benefits of incorporating GPS and other tracking and monitoring technology into the operations, programs and mission of the state's various correctional programs and services.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the department is directed to periodically inform and advise the select oversight committee on corrections concerning the findings and recommendations arising from any investigation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be delivered by the clerk of the house of representatives to the governor, the chair of the select oversight committee on corrections, the commissioner of correction, and the chair of the board of pardons and parole.